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**Sloane Stephens defeats Angelique Kerber
(ret.)
6-3, 3-0
Semifinal Round**

**An Interview With:
Angelique Kerber**

Q. Angelique, at what point did you know you weren't feeling well? Was it before the match or during the match that you realized something was wrong?

ANGELIQUE KERBER: Actually, when I was warming up this morning, I felt a little bit like something is wrong, but I was thinking that when I'm going on court, the energy will come back and I will feeling okay. And it starts in the first few games in the first set that I was feeling that, yeah, something is not good.

Q. Angie, how disappointing is it that you weren't able to give your full best effort to defend your title?

ANGELIQUE KERBER: Yeah, of course I am sad and disappointed because I love Charleston, and I always when I'm going on court trying to give my best, and for sure I wasn't 100 percent today like everybody was showing this. And yeah, I'm sad to retire and to, yeah, couldn't give 100 percent today.

Q. Now that you've really fallen in love with Charleston, will you be back next year?

ANGELIQUE KERBER: I hope so. Of course. I mean I will looking forward to coming back next year because it's one of the best tournaments of the year. It's a great week always

when I'm here, I have the great weeks. And yeah, I'm looking forward.

Q. Saw you and Sloane embrace after the match. Are you rooting for anyone in particular to take over your title?

ANGELIQUE KERBER: I mean I hope or I'm like hoping that the final will be really great for the people and for the fans. And let's see who will join Sloane in the final, and yeah, I will just trying to like fingers crossed that it will be a perfect final for you guys.

End of Interview

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